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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/568,087	YAMADA ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/13/06</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification is objected to because of informalities, which appear to be minor draft errors including drawing inconsistencies and/or grammatical issues.

As noted in the following format (location of objection; suggestion for correction), the following objection(s) may be overcome by making the corresponding correction(s): (pg. 4, line 4, "poly-capillary 4"; replacing "4" with --3--).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the single fluorescence x-rays" in lines 3-4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yun et al. (US 2003/0223536) in view of Hossain et al. (US 5754620).

4. Regarding claim 1, Yun et al. discloses a system which comprises: an X-ray source (fig. 1, #112), and a secondary target (fig. 1, at #10 and 12) adapted to be irradiated with X-rays (fig. 1, #110) emitted from the X-ray source, wherein fluorescence X-rays (fig. 1, #116) selected from the group consisting of Be-K α line, Si-L line and Al-L line (paragraph 87) are emitted from the secondary target.

However, Yun et al. fails to disclose an X-ray tube having a primary target.

Hossain et al. teaches an X-ray tube (fig. 1a) having a primary target (fig. 1a, #80).

It would have been obvious, to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to modify the system of Yun et al. with the x-ray tube of Hossain et al., because of the following rationale. Since the Examiner finds that the prior art (i.e., Yun et al.) contained a “base” system upon which the claimed invention can be seen as an “improvement”, and since the Examiner finds that the prior art (i.e., Hossain et al.) contained a “comparable” system that has been improved in the same way as the claimed invention, the Examiner thus finds that one of ordinary skill in the art could have applied the known “improvement” technique (of Hossain et al.) in the same way to the “base” system (of Yun et al.) and the results would have been predictable to one of ordinary skill in the art. Therefore, such a claimed combination would have been obvious.

5. Regarding claim 2, Yun et al. further discloses wherein the X-rays emitted from the X-ray source (fig. 1, #112) necessarily excite electrons of a Si-K shell, which in turn generate Si-L line by cascade excitation (paragraph 87).

6. Regarding claim 3, the method of forming a system (i.e., "wherein an oxide film on a surface of the secondary target is removed") is not germane to the issue of patentability of the system itself. Therefore this limitation has not been given patentable weight. Furthermore, claim scope is not limited by claim language (i.e., "wherein an oxide film on a surface of the secondary target is removed") that does not limit a claim to a particular structure.

7. Regarding claim 4, Yun et al. further discloses a poly-capillary (fig. 1, #114; and paragraph 40) for concentrating the X-rays emitted from the X-ray source (fig. 1, #112) before they are projected onto the secondary target (fig. 1, at #10 and 12).

8. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yun et al. and Hossain et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sudo (JP 03-209156).

Yun et al. as modified above suggests a system as recited above.

However, Yun et al. fails to disclose an artificial multilayer mirror or a total reflection mirror and wherein X-rays generated from the target are monochromated into the single fluorescence X-rays by means of the artificial multilayer mirror or the total reflection mirror.

Sudo teaches an artificial multilayer mirror or a total reflection mirror (fig. 1, #7) and wherein X-rays (fig. 1, #8) generated from a target (fig. 1, #3) are monochromated into single fluorescence X-rays by means of the artificial multilayer mirror or the total reflection mirror (abstract).

It would have been obvious, to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to further modify the system of Yun et al. as modified above with the mirror of Sudo, since one would have been motivated to make such a modification for improving reflection intensity (abstract) as shown by Sudo.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Cheng Glen Kao whose telephone number is (571)272-2492. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am to 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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